

# PUN

3. Piercing; sharp.  
Thou canst set him on the rack,  
Inclose him in a wooden tow'r,  
With *pungent* pains on ev'ry side;  
So Regulus in torments dy'd. *Swift's Miscellanies.*
4. Acrimonious; biting.  
It conflicts chiefly a sharp and *pungent* manner of speech;  
but partly in a facetious way of jesting. *Dryden.*  
PUNICE. *n. f.* A wallouse; a bug.  *Hudibras. Answer.*  
PUNICEOUS. *adj.* [puniceus, Lat.] Purple. *Dict.*  
PUNINESS. *n. f.* [from puny.] Pettiness; smallness.  
To PUNISH. *v. a.* [punio, Lat.]  
1. To chastise; to afflict with penalties or death for some crime.  
Your purpos'd low correction  
Is such, as baste and the meanest wretches  
Are *punish'd* with. *Shakefp. King Lear.*  
If you will not hearken, I will *punish* you seven times  
more for your sins. *Lev. xxvi. 18.*  
2. To revenge a fault with pain or death.  
PUNISHABLE. *adj.* [punissable, Fr. from punish.] Worthy of  
punishment; capable of punishment.  
Thief is naturally *punishable*, but the kind of punishment is  
positive, and such lawful, as men shall think with discretion  
convenient to appoint. *Hooker, b. iii. f. 9.*  
Sith creatures, which have no understanding, can shew no  
will; and where no will is, there is no sin; and only that  
which sinneth, is subject to punishment; which way should  
any such creature be *punishable* by the law of God? *Hooker.*  
Their bribery is less *punishable*, when bribery opened the  
door by which they entred. *Taylor's Rule of Living Holy.*  
PUNISHABLENESS. *n. f.* [from *punishable*.] The quality of  
deserving or admitting punishment.  
PUNISHER. *n. f.* [from *punish*.] One who inflicts pains for a  
crime.  
This knows my *punisher*; therefore as far  
From granting me, as I from begging peace. *Milton.*  
PUNISHMENT. *n. f.* [punishment, Fr.] Any infliction imposed  
in vengeance of a crime.  
The house of endless pain is built thereby,  
In which ten thousand tortures  
The cur'd creatures do eternally torment. *Fa. Queen.*  
Unless it were a bloody murderer,  
I never gave them condign *punishment*. *Shakefp.*  
Thou, through the judgment of God, shalt receive just  
*punishment* for thy pride. *2 Mac. vii. 36.*  
Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange *punishment*  
to the workers of iniquity? *Job xxxi. 3.*  
Had I a hundred mouths, a hundred tongues,  
I could not half those horrid crimes repeat,  
Nor half the *punishments* those crimes have met. *Dryden.*  
The rewards and *punishments* of another life, which the  
Almighty has established, as the enforcements of his law,  
are of weight enough to determine the choice, against what-  
ever pleasure or pain this life can shew. *Locke.*  
PUNITION. *n. f.* [punition, Fr. *punitio*, Lat.] Punishment. *Ans.*  
PUNITIVE. *adj.* [from *punitio*, Lat.] Awarding or inflicting  
punishment.  
Neither is the cylinder charged with sin, whether by God  
or men, nor any *punitive* law enacted by either against its  
rolling down the hill. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*  
PUNITORY. *adj.* [from *punitio*, Lat.] Punishing; tending to  
punishment.  
PUNK. *n. f.* A whore; a common prostitute; a strumpet.  
She may be a *punk*; for many of them are neither maid,  
widow, nor wife. *Shakefp. Measure for Measure.*  
And made them fight, like mad or drunk,  
For dame religion as for *punk*. *Hudibras.*  
Near these a nursery erects its head,  
Where unfledg'd actors learn to laugh and cry,  
Where infant *punks* their tender voices try. *Dryden.*  
PUNSTER. *n. f.* [from *pun*.] A quibbler; a low wit who en-  
deavours at reputation by double meaning.  
His mother was cousin to Mr. Swan, gamester and *punster*  
of London. *Arbutnot and Pope.*  
To PUNT. *v. n.* To play at ballet and ombre.  
One is for setting up an assembly for ballet, where none  
shall be admitted to *punt*, that have not taken the oaths. *Add.*  
When a duke to Janfen *punts* at White's,  
Or city heir in mortgage melts away,  
Satan himself feels far less joy than they. *Pope.*  
PUNY. *adj.* [punis, Fr.]  
1. Young.  
2. Inferior; petty; of an under rate.  
Is not the king's name forty thousand names?  
Arm, arm, my name; a *puny* subject strikes  
At thy great glory. *Shakefp. Rich. II.*  
Know me not,  
Left that thy wives with spits, and boys with stones,  
In *puny* battle slay me. *Shakefp. Coriolanus.*  
Drive  
The *puny* habitants; or if not drive,  
Seduce them to our party. *Milton.*

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- This friendship is of that strength, as to remain unshaken  
by such assaults, which yet are strong enough to shake down  
and annihilate the friendship of little *puny* minds. *South.*  
Jove at their head ascending from the sea,  
A shoal of *puny* pow'rs attend his way. *Dryden.*  
PUNY. *n. f.* A young unexperienced unseasoned wretch.  
Tenderness of heart makes a man but a *puny* in this sin;  
it spoils the growth, and cramps the crowning exploits of the  
vice. *South's Sermons.*  
To PUP. *v. n.* [from *puppy*.] To bring forth whelps; to breed  
a bitch bringing young.  
PUPIL. *n. f.* [pupilla, Lat.]  
1. The apple of the eye.  
Looking in a glais, when you shut one eye, the *pupil* of  
the other, that is open, dilateth. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
Setting a candle before a child, bid him look upon it, and  
his *pupil* shall contract itself very much to exclude the light;  
as when after we have been some time in the dark, a bright  
light is suddenly brought in and set before us, till the *pupils* of  
our eyes have gradually contracted. *Ray on the Creation.*  
The uvea has a muculous power, and can dilate and con-  
tract that round hole in it, called the *pupil* of the eye. *Mure.*  
The rays, which enter the eye at several parts of the *pupil*,  
have several obliquities to the glasses. *Newton's Opticks.*  
2. [Pupille, Fr. *pupillus*, Lat.] A scholar; one under the care  
of a tutor.  
My master sues to her, and she hath taught her tutor,  
He being her *pupil*, to become her tutor. *Shakefp.*  
One of my father's servants,  
With store of tears this treason 'gan unfold,  
And said my guardian would his *pupil* kill. *Fairfax.*  
If this arch-politician find in his *pupils* any remorse, any  
fear of God's future judgments, he persuades them that God  
hath for great need of men's souls, that he will accept them  
at any time, and upon any condition. *Raleigh.*  
Tutors should behave reverently before their *pupils*. *L. Ed.*  
The great work of a governor is, to settle in his *pupil* good  
habits, and the principles of virtue and wisdom. *Locke.*  
3. A ward; one under the care of his guardian.  
Tell me, thou *pupil* to great Pericles,  
What are the grounds  
To undertake to young so vast a care? *Dryden.*  
So some weak foot, which else would poorly rise,  
Jove's tree adopts, and lifts him to the skies;  
Through the new *pupil* soft'ning juices flow,  
Thrust forth the gums, and give the flow'rs to blow. *Tidd.*  
PUPILAGE. *n. f.* [from *pupil*.]  
1. State of being a scholar.  
The severity of the father's brow, whilst they are under  
the discipline of *pupilage*, should be relaxed as fast as their age,  
discretion, and good behaviour allow. *Lucan.*  
2. Wardship; minority.  
Three sons he dying left, all under age,  
By means whereof their uncle Vortigern  
Usurp'd the crown, during their *pupilage*;  
Which the infant's tutors gathering to fear,  
Them closely into Armorick did bear. *Fairy Queen.*  
PUPILARY. *adj.* [pupillare, Fr. *pupillaris*, Lat. from *pupil*.]  
Pertaining to a pupil or ward.  
PUPPET. *n. f.* [puppet, Fr. *pupus*, Lat.]  
1. A small image moved by men in a mock drama; a wooden  
tragedian.  
Once Zelmane could not stir; but that as if they had been  
*puppets*, whose motion stood only upon her pleasure, Bassilus  
with servicable steps, Gynecia with greedy eyes would fol-  
low her. *Sidney, b. ii.*  
Divers of them did keep in their houses certain things made  
of cotton wool, in the manner of *puppets*. *Abbot.*  
His last wife was a woman of breeding, good humour and  
compliance; as for you, you look like a *puppet* moved by  
clock-work. *Arbutnot's History of John Bull.*  
As the pipes of some carv'd organ move,  
The gilded *puppets* dance. *Pope.*  
In flood impotence he speaks,  
And, as the prompter breathes, the *puppet* squeaks. *Pope.*  
2. A word of contempt.  
Thou, an Egyptian *puppet*, shalt be shewn  
In Rome as well as I. *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*  
Oh excellent motion! oh exceeding *puppet*! *Shakefp.*  
PUPPETMAN. *n. f.* [puppet and man.] Master of a puppet-  
show.  
Why is a handsome wife ador'd  
By every coxcomb but her lord?  
From yonder *puppetman* inquire,  
Who wisely hides his wood and wire. *Swift.*  
PUPPETSHOW. *n. f.* [puppet and show.] A mock drama per-  
formed by wooden images moved by wire.  
Tini, you have a taste I know,  
And often see a *puppetshow*. *Swift.*  
To induce him to be fond of learning, he would frequently  
carry him to the *puppetshow*. *Arbutnot and Pope.*  
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- A president of the council will make no more impression  
upon my mind, than the sight of a *puppetshow*. *Pope.*  
PURRY. *v. f.* [pouffe, Fr.]  
1. A whelp; progeny of a bitch.  
He  
Talks as familiarly of roaring lions,  
As makes of thirteen do of *puppy* dogs. *Shakefp.*  
The rogues lighted me into the river with as little remorse,  
as they would have drowned a bitch's blind *puppies*, fifteen  
i' th' litter. *Shakefp. Merry Wives of Windsor.*  
The how to the bitch says, your *puppies* are all blind. *L'Est.*  
Nature does the *puppy's* eyelid close,  
Till the bright sun has nine times set and rose. *Gay.*  
2. A name of contemptuous reproach to a man.  
I shall laugh myself to death at this *puppy* headed monster;  
a most scurvy monster! *Shakefp. Tempest.*  
Thus much I have added, because there are some *puppies*  
which have given it out.  
I found my place taken up by an ill-bred awkward *puppy*,  
with a money bag under each arm. *Addison's Guardian.*  
To PURRY. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To bring whelps.  
PURBLIND. *adj.* [corrupted from *perblind*, which is still  
used in Scotland; *per* and *blind*.] Nearighted; shortighted.  
Speak to my gossip Venus one fair word,  
One nickname to her *purblind* son and heir. *Shakefp.*  
The truth appears foisted on my side,  
That any *purblind* eye may find it out. *Shakefp.*  
'Tis known to several  
Of head piece extraordinary; lower messes  
Perchance, are to this business *purblind*. *Shakefp.*  
Like to *purblind* moles, no greater light than that little  
which they shun. *Drummond.*  
Darkness, that here surrounded our *purblind* understandings,  
will vanish at the dawning of eternal day. *Boyle.*  
Dropt in black thick-sighted eyes,  
Thy'd make them see in darkest night,  
Like owls, though *purblind* in the light. *Hudibras.*  
*Purblind* man  
Sees but a part o' th' chain, the nearest links;  
His eyes not carrying to that equal beam,  
That's all above. *Dryden and Lee's Oedipus.*  
PURBLINDNESS. *n. f.* [from *purblind*.] Shortness of sight.  
PURCHASABLE. *adj.* [from *purchase*.] That may be purchased  
or bought.  
Money being the counterbalance to all things *purchaseable* by  
it, as much as you take off from the value of money, so  
much you add to the price of things exchanged for it. *Locke.*  
To PURCHASE. *v. a.* [purchase, Fr.]  
1. To buy for a price.  
You have many a *purchase* d slave,  
Which like your asses, and your dogs and mules,  
You use in abject and in slavish part. *Shakefp.*  
His sons buried him in the cave, which Abraham *purchased*  
of the sons of Heth. *Gen. xxv.*  
2. To obtain at any expence, as of labour or danger.  
A world who would not *purchase* with a bruise. *Milton.*  
3. To expiate or recompense by a fine or forfeit.  
I will be deaf to pleading and excuses,  
Nor tears nor prayers shall *purchase* out abuses;  
Therefore use none. *Shakefp. Romeo and Juliet.*  
PURCHASE. *n. f.* [purchase, old Fr. from the verb.]  
1. Any thing bought or obtained for a price.  
He that procures his child a good mind, makes a better  
*purchase* for him, than if he laid out the money for an addi-  
tion to his former acres. *Locke on Education.*  
Our thriving dean has *purchase* d land;  
A *purchase* which will bring him clear  
Above his rent four pounds a year. *Swift.*  
2. Any thing of which possession is taken.  
A beauty wailing and distressed widow  
Made prize and *purchase* of his wanton eye;  
Seduc'd the pitch and height of all his thoughts  
To base declension. *Shakefp.*  
The fox repairs to the wolf's cell, and takes possession of  
his stores; but he had little joy of the *purchase*. *L'Estrange.*  
PURCHASER. *n. f.* [from *purchase*.] A buyer; one that gains  
any thing for a price.  
Upon one only alienation and change, the  *purchaser* is to  
pass both licence, fine and recovery. *Bacon.*  
So unhappy have been the  *purchasers* of church lands, that,  
though in such purchases, men have usually the cheapest penny-  
worths, yet they have not always the best bargains. *South.*  
Most of the old statues may be well supposed to have been  
cheaper to their first owners, than they are to a modern  
 *purchaser*. *Addison's Remarks on Italy.*  
PURE. *adj.* [pur, pure, Fr. *purus*, Lat.]  
1. Not filthy; not sullied.  
There is a generation that are *pure* in their own eyes, and  
yet is not washed from their filthiness. *Prov. xxx. 12.*  
2. Clear; not dirty; not muddy.  
Thou *pure* stone, whose pureness doth present  
My *pure* mind. *Sidney, b. ii.*

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3. Unmingled; not altered by mixtures; mere.  
What philosophy shall comfort a villain, that is hal'd to  
the rack for murdering his prince? his cup is full of *pure* and  
unmingled sorrow, his body is rent with torment, his name  
with ignominy, his soul with shame and sorrow, which are to  
last eternally. *Taylor's Rule of Living Holy.*  
*Pure* and mixt, when applied to bodies, are much a kin to  
simple and compound; so a guinea is *pure* gold, if it has in  
it no alloy. *Watts's Logic.*  
4. Not connected with any thing extrinsic: as, *pure* mathe-  
matics.  
Mathematicks in its latitude is divided into *pure* and mixed;  
and though the *pure* do handle only abstract quantity in the  
general, as geometry; yet that which is mixed doth consider  
the quantity of some particular determinate subject. *Wilkins.*  
When a proposition expresses that the predicate is connected  
with the subject, it is called a *pure* proposition; as every true  
christian is an honest man. *Watts.*  
5. Free; clear.  
His mind of evil *pure*  
Supports him, and intention free from fraud. *Philips.*  
6. Free from guilt; guiltless; innocent.  
Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am *pure*  
from my sin? *Prov. xx. 9.*  
O welcome *pure* ey'd faith,  
And thou unblemish'd form of chastity.  
No hand of strife is *pure*, but that which wins. *Daniel.*  
7. Incorrupt; not vitiated by any bad practice or opinion.  
Her guiltless glory just Britannia draws  
From *pure* religion, and impartial laws. *Tidcl.*  
8. Not vitiated with corrupt modes of speech.  
As oft as I read those comedies, so oft doth sound in mine  
ear the *pure* fine talk of Rome. *Aylmer.*  
9. Mere: as, a *pure* villain, *purus* *putus* *nebulosus*, Lat.  
The lord of the castle was a young man of spirit, but had  
lately out of *pure* weariness of the fatigue, and having spent  
most of his money, left the king. *Clarendon.*  
There happened a bloody civil war among the hawks,  
when the peaceable pigeons, in *pure* pity and good na-  
ture, send their mediators to make them friends again. *L'Estrange's Fables.*  
10. Chaste; modest.  
PURELY. *adv.* [from *pure*.]  
1. In a *pure* manner; not dirtily; not with mixture.  
I will *purely* purge away thy drofs, and take away all thy  
tin. *Isaiah i. 25.*  
2. Innocently; without guilt.  
3. Merely.  
The being able to raise an army, and conducting it to fight  
against the king, was *purely* due to him, and the effect of his  
power. *Clarendon, b. viii.*  
Upon the particular observations on the metallick and mi-  
neral bodies, I have not founded any thing but what *purely*  
and immediately concerns the natural history of those  
bodies. *Woodward's Nat. Hist.*  
I converse in full freedom with men of both parties; and if  
not in equal number, it is *purely* accidental, as having made  
acquaintance at court more under one ministry than another. *Swift.*  
PURENESS. *n. f.* [from *pure*.]  
1. Clearness; freedom from extraneous or foul admixtures.  
They came to the river side, which of all the rivers of  
Greece had the prize for excellent *pureness* and sweetness, in  
so much as the very bathing in it was accounted exceeding  
healthful. *Sidney.*  
No circumstances are like to contribute more to the ad-  
vancement of learning, than exact temperance, great *pure-*  
*ness* of air, equality of climate, and long tranquility of go-  
vernment. *Temple.*  
2. Simplicity; exemption from composition.  
An essence eternal and spiritual, of absolute *pureness* and  
simplicity. *Raleigh.*  
My love was such,  
It could, though he supply'd no fuel, burn;  
Rich in itself, like elemental fire,  
Whole *pureness* does no aliment require. *Dryden.*  
3. Innocence; freedom from guilt.  
May we evermore serve thee in holiness and *pureness* of  
living. *Common Prayer.*  
4. Freedom from vicious modes of speech.  
In all this good propriety of words, and *pureness* of phrases  
in Terence, you must not follow him always in placing of  
them. *Ascham's Schoolmaster.*  
PURFILE. *n. f.* [pouffile, Fr.] A sort of ancient trimming for  
women's gowns, made of tinsel and thread; called also  
bobbin work. *Bailey.*  
To PURFILE. *v. a.* [pouffiler, Fr. *proffiler*, Italian.] To de-  
corate with a wrought or flowered border; to border with  
embroidery; to embroider.  
A goodly lady clad in scarlet red,  
Purged with gold and pearl of rich assay. *Fa. Queen.*

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